

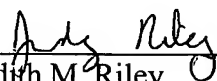
**REMARKS**

In response to a restriction requirement mailed February 8, 2006, Applicant elects claims 1-63 (Group I) drawn to a method and assembly for drilling a lateral bore. Applicant also cancels claims 64-107 as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant has also amended the existing set of claims to add a new claim 108. This new claim is based on original claim 64 (now canceled) and includes the limitation presented in original claim 98 (now canceled) of inserting a second drill bit mounted on a second tubular member within the first tubular member and drilling through a wall portion of the first tubular member. Applicant submits that claim 108 is, thus, directed to the concept of drilling a lateral bore and is therefore related to invention I and should be examined in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with examination of claims 1-63 and new claim 108. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this election, Applicant respectfully requests her to contact the undersigned attorney at the office number below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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